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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL  Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231	<i>Application Number</i>	09/148,749
	<i>Filing Date</i>	September 4, 1998
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	<i>Art Unit</i>	1742
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<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	PC-3201 (Our File 3237-990857)	

*RECEIVED**MAR 27 2003**TC 1700***This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 20, 2003
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 i. Amendment/Reply
 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 iv. Other Petition for Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

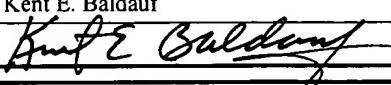
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- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 03/27/2003 AWONDAF1 00000103 09148749
 ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801
 iii. Other _____ 750.00 QP

- b. A Check in the amount of \$860.00 is enclosed for the RCE filing fee and the Extension fee.
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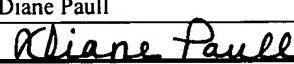
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